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ELECTION

In response to the November 17, 2004 Office Action containing a restriction requirement, the Applicant sets forth as follows:

20 In November 17, 2004 Office Action, the Office set forth that it had decided that the present application contains claims directed to two differently distinct species of the claimed invention:

Group I- the embodiment illustrated in Figure 2 for example, having a handle with an integral actuator.

25 Group II-the embodiment illustrated in figure 26 for example, having a handle with a roller and distinct actuator element.

The Applicant elects Species of Group II relating to claims 1 through 34.

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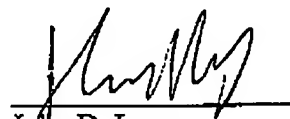
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The Applicant respectfully points out to the Office, that the Applicant generally believes that all three presently pending independent claims, and their respective pending dependants, generally belong to the group II species because all three independent claims essentially have a roller element or a roller means as well as essentially having separate elements for the handle and
5 the actuator.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for his time and effort in this Office Action. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application or this election, the Examiner is encouraged to call the Applicant's attorneys, Ian F. Burns, or John D. Long at (775) 826-6166 (PST).

Respectfully submitted,



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